

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-40, 47-50, 52 and 54-56 are pending in the subject application. As a result of this amendment and response, claims 15, 19, 25-40, 47-50, 52, and 54-56 have been cancelled. Claims 5-8, 11, 17-18, and 20-22 have been amended. Support for the amendments are found in the specification and figures, at least in Figures 3 and 4 and the accompanying description. No new matter has been added. All amendments have been made for the purpose of clarifying the claimed invention and responding to the Examiner's claim objections, and not for overcoming prior art.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 5-24, drawn to a universal interface access system. As a result of this amendment, claims 5-14, 16-18, and 20-24, are now pending in this application. The remaining claims in the application have been cancelled (without prejudice to being re-filed later) as part of complying with the restriction requirement issued by the Examiner.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification, noting that the Abstract was in improper form. In response, the abstract as filed has been deleted and replaced with a new abstract.

Claim Objections

Claims 5-24 are objected to because of the following informalities: (1) input converter for converting input from the user should be changed to specify what the input is voice or speech; and (2) it is unclear what is meant by a "speech-to-command converter." In response, Attorney for Applicant has amended the claims to clarify those terms or remove unclear language.

Inventorship

Support for the listing of **Paul Edmonds** as the first inventor is evident by the initial filing papers. The 371 Transmittal Letter and Preliminary Amendment are correct and consistent with the original PCT filing. Therefore, please correct all relevant data to reflect Edmonds *et al.* as the appropriate inventive entities.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for Examination. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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